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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Wei SUN, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 2128 : :
Appln. No:	10/540,968	: Examiner: : Hugh M. Jones
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For:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTER-AIDED TISSUE ENGINEERING FOR MODELING, DESIGN AND FREEFORM FABRICATION OF TISSUE SCAFFOLDS, CONSTRUCTS, AND DEVICES	: 046528-5047-00-US (415078) : (formerly DRE-0179) : : : : :

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on September 8, 2008, in connection with the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a 3-month extension of time, which extends the time for response to and through March 9, 2009 (March 8 being a Sunday). This Response is also being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as well as the accompanying fee for the RCE. This Response is also being filed in conjunction with a Declaration of Wei Sun, Ph.D, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

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